Children’s Right to Play - Opportunity for Networks/Facilitators
IPA Scotland is developing a Scotland-wide programme to train facilitators in delivering short Children’s Right to Play sessions in their area or network. The training session focuses on article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and is aimed at people working for or with children.

Our vision is to help develop a ‘critical mass’ of people with a richer understanding of children’s play rights.

We are now looking for 8 host ‘networks’
IPA Scotland is looking for 8 host networks - organisations, local authorities or other networks - to each bring together a group of 8 to 12 people who IPA Scotland will train to deliver the Children’s Right to Play session.

These networks might be geographic (e.g. local authority area), local infrastructure organisations (e.g. a Play Association or Forum) or ‘communities of interest’ (e.g. early childhood practitioners, planners etc.).

What will IPA Scotland provide?
IPA Scotland will provide the Facilitator Training to each network, along with facilitators’ manuals and access to online resources. The Facilitator Training will enable each participant to go on to deliver the two-hour Children’s Right to Play Session. The IPA Scotland trainers will aim to build skills, confidence and knowledge around Article 31 as well as thoroughly familiarising the participants with the Right to Play materials. This is currently being offered free of charge to a limited number of networks.

What will the network need to provide?
Each network will be asked to:
• provide a training venue for one day (between January 2015 and March 2015) and light refreshments
• identify the 8 – 12 people to undertake the training as Right to Play facilitators.

What is expected of the new Children’s Right to Play facilitators?
Prospective Right to Play facilitators will be people who already have play qualifications or who can demonstrate experience in play, ideally in conjunction with some experience in the delivery of training. Each of the people trained to deliver the Right to Play session, will be expected to deliver at least two sessions to colleagues or other interested professionals and individuals within 3 months of taking part in the training.

What are the next steps? Please contact IPA Scotland by Monday, 8th December 2014
If you are interested in hosting an IPA Scotland Right to Play network, please contact Anne-Marie Mackin, IPA Scotland, for an initial discussion as soon as possible: ipascotland.training@gmail.com

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